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At this time of all times—it is beyond comprehension why the Democrats should report a tariff bill, especially of such a character as the Wilson bill. We are just entering upon a winter with more men out of employment than for 20 years, and just at this time this tariff bill is put out to further depress business and disturb confidence. The Democratic party, through its leaders in Congress and its President, is responsible for the suffering and want already experienced, but they learn no lesson from the late elections and further refuse to desist from their course of ruin. The bill just reported, if enacted into law and its effect precedes its enactment, in the view even of its friends will completely upset the business of the country. How then are the wage-earners to live until business readsjusts itself to the new conditions? This is a matter for the Democracy to consider as they continue on their mad course. Were the changes in the tariff not radical the disturbance in business would be of no small moment, but with both radical and ruinous changes the Democratic party is assuming a fearful responsibility and one for which they will be held to strict account in the next election. It is incredible that sensible men would undertake a reconstruction of the tariff when thousands are out of employment and when it is certain that business would resume with a rush were it authoritative announced that the old system would be maintained indefinitely. Mills most effected by the new schedule are stopping daily and instead of growing better the situation is becoming worse. The condition can not now be charged to the Sherman law. How can the Democracy deny the iniquity in the Wilson bill?

WEST VIRGINIANS, including Democrats as well as Republicans, are not proud of the labors of their Representative, Mr. Wilson, in framing the new revenue bill which will not provide enough revenue to run the government, aside from the fact that it also tends to ruin American industries or force them to the level of European wages. West Virginia mines coal and all persons engaged in that industry, without regard to political affiliations, want a duty on coal that will be protective. West Virginia has no other coal producing State can compete with Nova Scotia coal if it is put on the free list. West Virginia has been Democratic and that her chief industry be should be associated with the Democratic party is what makes them mad. If coal is included in the free list when the bill becomes a law, or even if it is not, West Virginia will go Republican next year and don't forget it.

From a wholly selfish view in the interest of party Republicans could ask for nothing better than the Wilson bill. But though it would inure greatly to the benefit of the party, as a party, Republicans as citizens are opposed to it, because they are patriots. The Republican party would prefer to see the Democratic Administration govern the country wisely and well, rather than to see it by its unwise acts bring ruin and distress upon the country. Nothing would be so helpful to Republicans in the elections next fall as the passage of the Wilson bill, but the distress of the country appeals to patriots with far greater earnestness than party success, and Republicans will join with protection Democrats in an attempt to defeat this un-American measure and let party take care of itself.

If the press of the State reflects the sentiments of the people at large, and there is no doubt that it does, no fooling with the matter of biennial session will be tolerated. The tax-payers believe that annual sessions, besides being contrary to the Constitution, are against their interests. It will be denoted wisdom if both branches of the General Assembly immediately upon assembling pass a resolution declaring that the Constitution shall be obeyed strictly and that when they adjourn they will adjourn sine die. The Republican party is pledged to biennial sessions and it will tolerate no evasion of the question on the part of the General Assembly.

The American Agriculturalist is authority for the statement that three-fourths of the farms in the country are free of all encumbrance and the average mortgage on the one-fourth represents only one-third of their value. If this is true, and it comes from a reliable source, no other class of business men are nearly so well off. The profits of a farm are small but more assured than in any other business, and the farmer is always certain of living and, if reasonably thrifty, of laying by something in addition to his expenses.

TAKING the tariff off wool entirely, but still leaving it on woolen goods, is the way the Democracy proposes to help the farmer. In other words, he will get a good deal less for his wool but have to pay just about as much for his woolen goods. A woolen manufacturer estimates that a suit of clothes under the present law would probably cost 75 cents to a dollar less than under the proposed law. Thus, while his wool would bring probably ten cents a pound less he gains nothing appreciable in his purchases of goods.

# AUDITOR'S EXHIBIT

## Receipts & Expenditures

### BELMONT COUNTY, O.

#### For the Fiscal Year ending Sept. 4, 1893.

##### COUNTY FUND—RECEIPTS.

Borrowed Money	\$17,000.00
Interest on Bonds	1,906.47
State's proportion of State Tax	991.47
County Tax	342.05
Unclaimed Costs	17.00
Ferry License	300.00
Forfeited Bonds	287.55
Jury fees	45.00
State's proportion of State Tax	40,851.47
County Tax	30.45
Unclaimed Costs	23.08
Ferry License	130.00
Forfeited Bonds	33.48
Jury fees	335.46
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